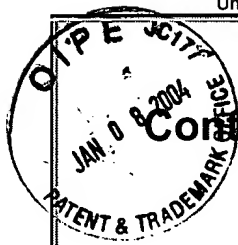


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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on December 31, 2003. A copy of which is attached herewith. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
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 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
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